

**TOWN OF MARION  
PLANNING BOARD  
May 16, 2016  
Main Conference Room  
Marion Town House  
Two Spring Street**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rob Lane, Chairman  
Steve Kokkins, Vice Chairman  
Eileen Marum, Clerk  
Jennifer Francis  
Mike Popitz  
Steve Gonsalves

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Will Saltonstall

**BOARD ASSISTANT:** Terri Santos

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ted North  
Jay Ryder  
Carol Sanz  
Margie Baldwin

**Commencement** – Chairman Lane called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Reorganization**

Member Francis discussed postponing the reorganization of the Planning Board to the next meeting when a full Board would be present. The laws give us thirty days and we should make every effort to include everyone in the process because it is so important, she said. Chairman stated, he was inclined not to postpone the reorganization of the Board. Member Francis emphasized that the Board postpones things all the time. Chairman Lane stated that he and Member Francis have a difference of opinion regarding the reorganization of the Board and that he would put holding or postponing the election of officers tonight before the Board for a vote.

Chairman Lane asked all those in favor of holding the election tonight to say aye.

**VOTE: 4-2-0 Note: Member Marum and Member Francis voted nay**

- Election of Chairman

Motion made by Member Popitz to nominate the current Chairman for the Chair position, seconded Member Gonsalves.

VOTE: 6-0-0

- Election of Vice Chairman

Motion made by Member Marum to nominate Jennifer Francis, seconded by Chairman Lane.

Motion made by Member Popitz to nominate Steve Kokkins, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

Chairman Lane asked for all those in favor of Steve Kokkins to say Aye.

**VOTE: 4-2-0 Note: Member Francis and Member Marum Voted Nay**

Chairman Lane asked for all those in favor of Jennifer Francis to say Aye.

**VOTE: 2-4-0 Note: Chairman Lane, Member Popitz, Member Gonsalves and Member Kokkins Voted Nay**

- Election of Clerk

Motion made by Member Francis to nominate Member Marum as Clerk, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

Motion made by Member Popitz to nominate Member Saltonstall.

Note: Member Saltonstall was absent

### **SRPEDD Appointment**

Motion made by Chairman Lane to appoint Clerk Marum as SRPEDD representative, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

### **Community Preservation Committee Appointment**

Chairman Lane suggested the appointment Member Popitz to the CPC, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

**Note: No formal vote taken.**

Master Plan – Member Francis suggested naming Norm Hills Chairman of the Advisory groups for the Master Plan, and she would act as a liaison to the various subcommittees and bring the Board up-to-date on all actions. Member Francis stated that she has not communicated with Rico Ferrari concerning his possible continued involvement as a co-chairman of the Master Plan with Mr. Hills. Chairman Lane commented that none of us know if Mr. Ferrari is interested in continuing with the Master Plan.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Clerk Marum to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 as amended, seconded by Member Francis.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

Motion made by Member Popitz to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016 as amended, seconded by Clerk Marum.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

### **Bills**

Motion made by Clerk Marum to approve the bill for Master Plan Workshop in the Sippican Week for the amount of \$140.00, seconded by Member Francis.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kokkins for the reimbursement of \$31.64 for SRPEDD Meeting for mileage, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

Chairman Lane reminded the Board that about \$300 remains in the budget until July 1.

### **Old Business**

SRPEDD Meeting - Clerk Marum spoke about the SRPEDD Commissioners meeting on April 27, 2016. Chairman Jon Henry introduced SRPEDD's new Executive Director, Jeffrey Walker, who is becoming familiar with staff projects and funding and is looking forward to working with SRPEDD Commissioners. Also, several Environmental Notification Reviews were noted in New Bedford, Wareham and Westport.

Remote Attendance at Meetings – Chairman Lane noted that at their last meeting the Board of Selectmen did not vote on approving Remote Attendance as Town Counsel Jon Witten had not reviewed the documents. Chairman Lane stated the item was on the agenda for the next BOS meeting and that he planned to attend that meeting. Chairman Lane reiterated that he had discussed Remote Attendance with the BOS at a previous meeting.

NOAA Rainfall – Chairman Lane noted that because of the cost of the advertisement and budgetary concerns, it might be best to schedule a time for a public hearing concerning the NOAA Rainfall data at the Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Master Plan Workshop – Member Francis gave an overview of the Workshop held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> noting the community turnout was impressive, and that in addition to herself, Eileen Marum, Will Saltonstall and Steve Cushing attended. The two elements reviewed were the Natural and Cultural Resources and Open Space and Recreation. Member Francis spoke of the skillful and notable presentations given by community members Margie Baldwin and Judy Rosbe.

Member Francis noted that on Monday, June 13th an event pertaining to climate change and sea level rise will be presented at the Beverly Yacht Club. She asked if the Board would consider supporting the event which would not require a financial investment and that she would create a Planning Board logo for the flyer. Chairman Lane polled Board members and the general consensus was positive.

Attendee Jay Ryder questioned why the meeting was not broadcast live. Chairman Lane noted that the Board Assistant will call ORCTV to see why the meetings are not being broadcast live.

Member Francis noted that the next Master Plan workshop will be in the fall.

Margie Baldwin inquired as to whether there will be a vacancy on the board and how will it be resolved.

Chairman Lane stated that it was a decision for Member Gonsalves. If there is a vacancy, the Planning Board would make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, and then, the Planning Board and BOS would act together.

Motion made by Clerk Marum to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Kokkins at 7:29 p.m.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

List of Documents Received:

Minutes of March 1, 2016 and March 7, 2016  
Bills - \$140.00 Sippican Week and \$31.64 Reimbursement Mileage  
SRPEDD Commissioners dated April 27, 2016

Note: The documents, reports, correspondences, submittals, notices and exhibits are a part of the official record along with these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Marum, Clerk